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Rolando Masferrer, nominated by the Republican Party as a candidate for Representative from Oriente Province in the place of his brother, Kiki Masferrer.

Julio Salabarria, MSR member, nominated as a Representative from Havana Province. He is a brother of Mario Salabarria, convicted former Chief of the Cuban Police.

Emilio Suri Castillo, Secretary General of the National Federation of Sugar Workers and a close friend and collaborator of the MSR, was nominated by the Republican and Juban Revolutionary Party from Camaguey Province. Castillo collaborated with Masferrer in the latter's attempt to expand the MSR among sugar workers.

Rolando Meruelo, MSR member, nominated on the hepublican Cuban Revolutionary Party ticket for the office of Representative from Santa Clara Province. Meruelo is an intimate friend of Senator Santiago key of Cienfuegos.

2. Carlos Prio Socarras, the Cuban Revolutionary Party (Autentico) and Republican Party candidate for President, allegedly promised asferrer \$60,000 in order to carry on his campaign. Ruben Leon, the president of the Cuban House of Representatives, is also said to have promised Masferrer \$30,000 to aid in his election activities.

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